

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 536

By Faison

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Jefferson County Emergency Medical Service on the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing those honorable institutions that exist to serve and protect the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such venerable institution is the Jefferson County Emergency Medical Service, which celebrates its fiftieth anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Emergency Medical Service (EMS) was established on January 22, 1973, by the Jefferson County Commission; and

WHEREAS, committed to providing the highest level of public safety services for their community, Jefferson County EMS assumed the responsibility of providing ambulance response and transport services, previously provided by private funeral homes in the community; and

WHEREAS, under the astute leadership of the previous director of six years, Jim Murr; emergency medical technician of twelve years, Lloyd Burchell; paramedic of two years, Jeff Coffey; and current director and paramedic of eighteen years, Brad Phillips, Jefferson County EMS has grown from two ambulances, two stations, and fourteen employees to four stations, thirteen ambulances, and more than fifty employees; and

WHEREAS, over the past fifty years, Jefferson County EMS paramedics and emergency medical technicians have responded to more than 300,000 calls, and they take great pride in serving as the community's sole provider of emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Jefferson County Emergency Medical Service are truly worthy of our approbation, and it is wholly fitting that we should recognize them on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend and congratulate the members of the Jefferson County Emergency Medical Service upon the celebration of the department's fiftieth anniversary, extending our sincere gratitude for their service and wishing them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.